

SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to the OSHA
Hazard Communication Standard

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SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Glycolic acid

Product Number : 124737
Brand : Sigma-Aldrich
CAS-No. : 79-14-1

1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

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SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Hazards for the product as supplied

Acute toxicity : Category 4
(Inhalation)

Skin corrosion : Sub-category 1B

Serious eye damage : Category 1

Other hazards

None known.

GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms



Signal word

: Danger

Hazard statements

: H314 Causes severe skin burns and eye damage.
H332 Harmful if inhaled.

Precautionary statements

: **Prevention:**

P260 Do not breathe dust.
P264 Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P271 Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.

Response:

P301 + P330 + P331 + P310 IF SWALLOWED: Rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
P304 + P340 + P310 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Storage:

P405 Store locked up.

Disposal:

P501 Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture

: Substance

CAS-No.

: 79-14-1

Components

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Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
Glycolic acid	79-14-1*	>= 80 - <= 100	TSC

* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

TSC- the actual concentration or concentration range is withheld as a trade secret

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- General advice : First aiders need to protect themselves.
Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
- If inhaled : After inhalation: fresh air. Immediately call in physician.
If breathing stops: immediately apply artificial respiration, if necessary also oxygen.
- In case of skin contact : In case of skin contact: Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/ shower.
Call a physician immediately.
- In case of eye contact : After eye contact: rinse out with plenty of water.
Immediately call in ophthalmologist.
Remove contact lenses.
- If swallowed : After swallowing: make victim drink water (two glasses at most), avoid vomiting (risk of perforation).
Call a physician immediately.
Do not attempt to neutralise.
- Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11
- Protection of first-aiders : For personal protection see section 8.
- Notes to physician : No data available

SECTION 5. FIREFIGHTING MEASURES

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water
Foam
Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
Dry powder
- Unsuitable extinguishing media : For this substance/mixture no limitations of extinguishing agents are given.

Specific hazards during fire fighting : Combustible.

Vapours are heavier than air and may spread along floors.

Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating.

Development of hazardous combustion gases or vapours possible in the event of fire.

Hazardous combustion products : Carbon oxides

Specific extinguishing methods : No data available

Further information : Prevent fire extinguishing water from contaminating surface water or the ground water system.

Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : Stay in danger area only with self-contained breathing apparatus. Prevent skin contact by keeping a safe distance or by wearing suitable protective clothing.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Advice for non-emergency personnel:
Avoid inhalation of dusts.
Avoid substance contact.
Ensure adequate ventilation.
Evacuate the danger area, observe emergency procedures, consult an expert.
Advice for emergency responders:
For personal protection see section 8.

Environmental precautions : Do not let product enter drains.

Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Cover drains. Collect, bind, and pump off spills.
Observe possible material restrictions (see sections 7 and 10).

Take up dry. Dispose of properly. Clean up affected area. Avoid generation of dusts.

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

For precautions see section 2.2.

Advice on safe handling	: Work under hood. Do not inhale substance/mixture.
Further information on storage conditions	: Tightly closed. Dry.
Storage class	: 8A, Combustible, corrosive hazardous materials
Recommended storage temperature	: Recommended storage temperature see product label.
Packaging material	: Suitable material: Poly Drum, LDPE Bottle/Jar

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ingredients with workplace control parameters

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

Engineering measures : No data available

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection : required when dusts are generated.

Our recommendations on filtering respiratory protection are based on the following standards: DIN EN 143, DIN 14387 and other accompanying standards relating to the used respiratory protection system.

Recommended Filter type: : Filter type P2

The entrepreneur has to ensure that maintenance, cleaning and testing of respiratory protective devices are carried out according to the instructions of the producer. These measures have to be properly documented.

Hand protection

Material : Nitrile rubber
Break through time : 480 min

Glove thickness : 0.11 mm
Protective index : Full contact
Manufacturer : KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Material : Nitrile rubber
Break through time : 480 min
Glove thickness : 0.11 mm
Protective index : Splash contact
Manufacturer : KCL 741 Dermatril® L

Remarks : This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: www.kcl.de).

Eye protection : Use equipment for eye protection tested and approved under appropriate government standards such as NIOSH (US) or EN 166(EU).
Tightly fitting safety goggles

Skin and body protection : Acid-resistant protective clothing

Hygiene measures : Immediately change contaminated clothing. Apply preventive skin protection. Wash hands and face after working with substance.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance : crystalline

Color : colourless

Odor : No data available

Odor Threshold : No data available
pH : 2 (68 °F / 20 °C)
Concentration: 50 g/l

Melting point/ range : 167 - 176 °F / 75 - 80 °C

Boiling point/boiling range : 336 °F / 169 °C (998 hPa)
Method: OECD Test Guideline 103
GLP: yes

Flash point	: > 572 °F / > 300 °C (decomposition)
Evaporation rate	: No data available
Burning rate	: No data available
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	: No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	: No data available
Vapor pressure	: 0.00093 hPa (77 °F / 25 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 104 GLP: yes
Relative vapour density	: No data available
Relative density	: 1.47 (68 °F / 20 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 109 GLP: yes
Density	: 1.49 g/cm ³ (77 °F / 25 °C)
Solubility(ies) Water solubility	: 852 g/l (68 °F / 20 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 105 GLP: yes
Partition coefficient: n- octanol/water	: log Pow: < -1.2 (68 °F / 20 °C) pH: 7 Method: OECD Test Guideline 117 GLP: yes Bioaccumulation is not expected.
Autoignition temperature	: No data available
Decomposition temperature	: No data available
Viscosity Viscosity, dynamic	: No data available
Viscosity, kinematic	: 6.149 mm ² /s (73 °F / 23 °C) Method: OECD Test Guideline 114 GLP: yes
Flow time	: No data available
Explosive properties	: Method: Explosive properties

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	GLP: yes Not classified as explosive.
Oxidizing properties	: Method: Regulation (EC) No. 440/2008, Annex, A.17 GLP: yes none
Surface tension	: 73 mN/m, 1 g/l, 68 °F / 20 °C, OECD Test Guideline 115, GLP: yes
Molecular weight	: 76.05 g/mol
Particle characteristics Particle size	: No data available

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	: Forms explosive mixtures with air on intense heating. A range from approx. 15 Kelvin below the flash point is to be rated as critical. The following applies in general to flammable organic substances and mixtures: in correspondingly fine distribution, when whirled up a dust explosion potential may generally be assumed.
Chemical stability	: The product is chemically stable under standard ambient conditions (room temperature) .
Possibility of hazardous reactions	: Violent reactions possible with: Oxidizing agents Reducing agents Bases Cyanides Sulphides
Conditions to avoid	: Strong heating.
Incompatible materials	: Gives off hydrogen by reaction with metals.
Hazardous decomposition products	: In the event of fire: see section 5

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

11.1 Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - male and female - 2,040 mg/kg

(US EPA Test Guideline OPP 81-1)

Acute toxicity estimate Inhalation - 4 h - 1.6 mg/l - dust/mist

(Expert judgement)

Dermal: No data available

Skin corrosion/irritation

Skin - Rabbit

Result: Corrosive - 4 h

(OECD Test Guideline 404)

Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Eyes - Rabbit

Result: Irreversible effects on the eye - 24 h

(OECD Test Guideline 405)

Remarks: (as aqueous solution)

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Buehler Test - Guinea pig

Result: negative

(OECD Test Guideline 406)

Germ cell mutagenicity

Test Type: Ames test

Test system: Escherichia coli/Salmonella typhimurium

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 471

Result: negative

Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro

Test system: Chinese hamster ovary cells

Metabolic activation: with and without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 473

Result: negative

Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test

Test system: mouse lymphoma cells

Metabolic activation: without metabolic activation

Method: OECD Test Guideline 476

Result: negative

Test Type: Micronucleus test

Species: Mouse

Cell type: Bone marrow

Application Route: Oral

Method: OECD Test Guideline 474

Result: negative

Carcinogenicity

IARC: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is

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identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

Reproductive toxicity

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

No data available

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

Aspiration hazard

No data available

11.2 Additional Information

Repeated dose toxicity - Rat - male and female - Oral - 90 d - No observed adverse effect level - 150 mg/kg - Lowest observed adverse effect level - 300 mg/kg

RTECS: MC5250000

Material is extremely destructive to tissue of the mucous membranes and upper respiratory tract, eyes, and skin., Cough, Shortness of breath, Headache, Nausea, To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Components:

Glycolic acid:

Toxicity to fish : LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)): > 100 mg/l
End point: mortality
Exposure time: 96 h
Test Type: semi-static test
Analytical monitoring: yes
Method: OECD Test Guideline 203
GLP: yes

Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates : EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): > 100 mg/l
End point: Immobilization
Exposure time: 48 h
Test Type: semi-static test
Analytical monitoring: yes
Method: OECD Test Guideline 202
GLP: yes

Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants	: ErC50 (<i>Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata</i>): > 100 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h Test Type: static test Analytical monitoring: yes Method: OECD Test Guideline 201 GLP: yes
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates (Chronic toxicity)	: NOEC (<i>Daphnia magna</i> (Water flea)): >= 89.6 mg/l End point: reproduction rate Exposure time: 21 d Test Type: semi-static test Analytical monitoring: yes Method: OECD Test Guideline 211 GLP: yes
Toxicity to microorganisms	: NOEC (activated sludge): 100 mg/l Exposure time: 3 h Test Type: static test Method: OECD Test Guideline 209 GLP: yes

Ecotoxicology Assessment

Acute aquatic toxicity : This product has no known ecotoxicological effects.

Chronic aquatic toxicity : This product has no known ecotoxicological effects.

Persistence and degradability

Components:

Glycolic acid:

Biodegradability : aerobic
Inoculum: activated sludge, non-adapted
Concentration: 31.7 mg/l
Result: Readily biodegradable.
Biodegradation: 83.9 %
Exposure time: 28 d
Method: OECD Test Guideline 310
GLP: yes

Bioaccumulative potential

Components:

Glycolic acid:

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : log Pow: < -1.2 (68 °F / 20 °C)
pH: 7
Method: OECD Test Guideline 117
GLP: yes
Remarks: Bioaccumulation is not expected.

Mobility in soil

No data available

Other adverse effects**Product:**

Ozone-Depletion Potential : Regulation: 40 CFR Protection of Environment; Part 82 Protection of Stratospheric Ozone - CAA Section 602 Class I Substances
Remarks: This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

Components:**Glycolic acid:**

Results of PBT and vPvB assessment : Substance does not meet the criteria for PBT or vPvB according to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, Annex XIII.

Additional ecological information : May be harmful to aquatic organisms due to the shift of the pH.
Avoid release to the environment.

Endocrine disrupting properties

No data available

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**Disposal methods**

Waste from residues : Waste material must be disposed of in accordance with the national and local regulations. Leave chemicals in original containers. No mixing with other waste. Handle uncleaned containers like the product itself.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**International Regulations****IATA-DGR**

UN/ID No. : UN 3261
Proper shipping name : Corrosive solid, acidic, organic, n.o.s.
(Glycolic acid)
Class : 8
Packing group : II
Labels : Class 8 - Corrosive substances
Packing instruction (cargo : 863
aircraft)
Packing instruction : 859

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(passenger aircraft)

IMDG-Code

UN number : UN 3261
Proper shipping name : CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, ORGANIC, N.O.S.
(Glycolic acid)
Class : 8
Packing group : II
Labels : 8
EmS Code : F-A, S-B
Marine pollutant : no

Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

National Regulations**49 CFR**

UN/ID/NA number : UN 3261
Proper shipping name : Corrosive solid, acidic, organic, n.o.s.
(Glycolic acid)
Class : 8

Packing group : II
Labels : Class 8 - Corrosive substances
ERG Code : 154
Marine pollutant : no
Poison Inhalation Hazard : No

Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**CERCLA Reportable Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

SARA 311/312 Hazards : Acute Health Hazard

SARA 313

: This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

Clean Air Act

This product neither contains, nor was manufactured with a Class I or Class II ODS as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 602 (40 CFR 82, Subpt. A, App.A + B).

This product does not contain any hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined by the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112 (40 CFR 61).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 112(r) for Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130, Subpart F).

This product does not contain any chemicals listed under the U.S. Clean Air Act Section 111 SOCM Intermediate or Final VOC's (40 CFR 60.489).

Clean Water Act

This product does not contain any Hazardous Substances listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 116.4A.

This product does not contain any Hazardous Chemicals listed under the U.S. CleanWater Act, Section 311, Table 117.3.

This product does not contain any toxic pollutants listed under the U.S. Clean Water Act Section 307

This product does not contain any priority pollutants related to the U.S. Clean Water Act

US State Regulations**Massachusetts Right To Know**

No components are subject to the Massachusetts Right to Know Act.

Maine Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Vermont Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

Washington Chemicals of High Concern

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

The components of this product are reported in the following inventories:

US TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

TSCA list

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION**Full text of other abbreviations**

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonised System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organisation; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

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